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REMARKS

The application has been amended. In particular, claims 85, 86, 88-90, 92 and 94-96 have been amended, and claims 98-120 have been added. New claims 98-120 cover subject matter from originally-filed claims 39-77, which was canceled by prior representatives of Applicant. It is requested that this subject matter be reinstated, as it represents subject matter important to the assignee of interest. Moreover, the corrections in the dependencies of claims 90 and 92 have been made in view of the dependencies of original claims 21 and 24, respectively. None of these amendments introduce new matter.

In the Office Action mailed May 17, 2006, the Examiner is requiring Applicant to elect a single species to which the claims would be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. It is noted that this species election requirement appears to similarly apply to the newly added claims. In particular, the Examiner is requiring Applicant to elect the following species:

- the amino acid sequence of an analog of microcin J25; and
- the identity of the detectable group.

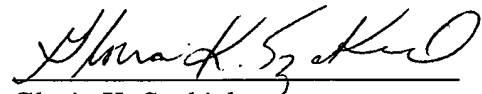
In response, Applicants elect [Lys₁₃]MccJ25 as the amino acid sequence. Applicants further elect Cy3 as the detectable group. Therefore, the corresponding compound would be [Cy3-Lys₁₃]MccJ25, which is described in Example 2 of the application.

Applicant respectfully requests that future correspondence for this matter be directed to Daniel A. Scola, Jr., whose Hoffman & Baron, LLP address is provided below, since Applicant has already filed, on February 24, 2006, a New Power of Attorney (Including Revocation of Prior Powers of Attorney) in connection with this matter.

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Applicant requests that consideration of all the claims on the merits be commenced. If the Examiner has any questions with respect to this matter, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned agent.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gloria K. Szakiel", written over a horizontal line.

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